

# WANDERERS FOR CUP TESTING



F. A. CUP: 3rd Qual. round

**WOLVERTON TOWN:** Tinsley (sub. 74th min.); Dougan (sent 59th min.); Downard; Ezra; Ley; Collins; Rogers; Mansell; Williams; Lofly.

**WYCOMBE WANDERERS:** O'Brien; Fuschillo; MacLean; Powell; Delaney; Baker; Anthony; Pritchard; Searle; Bremer; Hutchinson. Sub Blunt (not used).

Referee: M. Farey (Hitchin).  
Attendance: 2,348.  
Goalscorers: Wycombe—Hutchinson (5), Delaney (50, pen.), Searle (75), Pritchard (90). Half-time: Dunstable 0, Wycombe 1.

**MATCH DETAILS**  
(Wycombe figures first)  
Shots on target 10-2; shots off target 6-3; fouls 5-19; offside 3-0; corners 11-3.

By MIKE WHITESMAN: Dunstable T. 0, Wycombe 4

**FEARS** that rock-bottom Southern Leaguers Dunstable Town might have more to offer than their meagre playing record suggested, were erased in double-quick time at Creasey Road on Saturday.

Home hopes hung on four slender threads; freakish pitch conditions, a troublesome wind, "heavy" tactics, and Wycombe Wanderers' continuing search for something approaching top form.

Inside five minutes they were left dangling by the latter, and even that couldn't save them from a bludgeoning. Four goals, a player sent off, another booked and the ir goalkeeper taken to hospital, amounted to a pretty miserable afternoon for the Bedfordshire club.

It also means that Wanderers enter the F.A. Cup's 4th qualifying round for the most part untested. Wolverton Town were an 8-1 formality and Banbury United, beaten 3-0 in the 2nd qualifying round, hardly forced the best from the 1st midians.

Indeed, an analysis of the Blues' Cup run so far—three wins, and 15 goals for to one against—emphasises only the

weakness of their opposition. It completely ignores what Wycombe must remember and rectify; their blatant deficiency in midfield, which before much longer will be exposed by a side of greater strength than Dunstable.

Meanwhile, though Wanderers are uncovering the faults of others.

Despite pre-match injury scares, they appeared in what has developed into their first choice line-up, with the new, notable, but not entirely

surprising exception of Iain MacLean, preferred at left back to Charlie Gale.

Once again, Tony Horseman missed out while John Maskell, strongly tipped for international goalkeeping honours last season, also spectated.

Wycombe's own proficiency at the back lessened any slim problems the home forwards presented. Ted Powell displayed majestic form, allowing partner, John Delaney full license to work further upfield.

So, with leading striker,

Derek Mansell, signed last term from Chalfont St. Peter, becoming increasingly rugged and less effective, and ex-Amersham winger Jimmy Lofly quiet, Dunstable's attack made little impression.

Following the same downward path as four other Southern League teams, Town soon found out what they were up against when Keith Searle put Geoff Anthony away on the right wing in the first minute. A cutting pass into their goalmouth was met by John

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**JOHNNY HUTCHINSON**  
... fifth minute goal

Hutchinson, whose header hit the side netting.

Sixty seconds later, Bernie Bremer bustled Dunstable into conceding the day's first corner, and after five minutes, Wycombe went one up through a move prompted by Bremer again.

Hutchinson took up possession running across and round the defence before swivelling for an accurate flick shot into goal. There were definite shades of Rodney Marsh about his score, but prov-



**JOHN DELANEY**  
... penalty in 50th minute

ing he knew nothing about the incident, home 'keeper Colin Tinsley prepared to restart play with a goal kick.

With boisterous help from the Wycombe 'kop' perched on the 'heights' behind goal, referee Farey soon enlightened him.

Dunstable answered with a spell of their most convincing football, just about containing the visitors for a time. But even below their best, Wycombe were vastly superior and never in trouble.

Tinsley got away with bring-



**KEITH SEARLE**  
... 75th minute header

ing Bremer down inside the Dunstable area after 33 minutes, but, only Anthony's indecision and poor shooting when on a clear path to goal three minutes later, held the score at 1-0 by half time.

Then Dunstable's troubles began. Four minutes into part two, Mick Collins went into the referee's book for the second time in as many games, chopping down Searle with a late 49th minute tackle.

From Bremer's free kick, Delaney was fouled first by



**LARRY PRITCHARD**  
... last minute fourth

John Downard, then by Tinsley as the ball flew high and dangerously over the goal mouth. And Wycombe's skipper, made nothing of a deceptive wind to bulldoze the penalty home.

Dunstable were split asunder in the 59th minute, when former Luton Town defender, Max Dougan reversed Winston Churchill's victory salute for a linesman's benefit, added a few choice words, and got himself ordered off for his troubles.

Down to ten men, Town sailed close to the wind when their number three, Downard was spoken to twice in minutes by the referee. But it was Hutchinson's turn for a tete-a-tete after a 69th minute collision with Tinsley, which put the 'keeper out for the rest of the match with a chest injury.

Tinsley was being whisked away for a hospital check up before full time, while Downard took over between the Dunstable posts.

Substitute Meenan came on to fill the gap after an interval of five minutes, yet, a depleted Dunstable side were overrun still further. Significantly, not once did Wycombe catch them in any form of offside trap, and only twice was Kevin O'Brien seriously challenged throughout.

Forgetting his poor night for the Allied Counties, Larry Pritchard leapt back to prominence on Saturday. With 15 minutes to play he forced a lightning save from the replacement 'keeper, who fingertipped the shot over the bar.

The third goal was on the way however, Hutchinson in swinging the corner-kick into the area at shoulder level for Searle to head in.

Pritchard deceived the entire Dunstable defence with a dashing run in the 90th minute and drove hard to the left with Downard beaten for speed to add number four.